DYLAN
Ok, Ms. Romantic Symbolism, what should I be seeing?

JAMIE
Stories, people, humanity. In a million pages all around you.

DYLAN
Ms. Romantic Symbolism it is.

JAMIE
Jamie Ellis, actually. But you weren't far off.

Jamie starts to scan the bookshelves. They run their finger along the spines.

JAMIE
And what should I call you? Ms. Burnt-Out Cynicism?

DYLAN
Dylan Eiger.

JAMIE
Ah I see our parents both put in minimal planning on the name front.

DYLAN
(under her breath)
The only minimal thing in their planning...

JAMIE
What was that?

DYLAN
Oh. (shit) Nothing.

JAMIE
No, you dissed them. Spill it.

DYLAN
Let's just say I didn't spend my childhood galavanting around English moors with a Liverpudlian orphan.

JAMIE
That...is quite the reference. Don't think I've thought about Wuthering Heights in a minute.

DYLAN
I've spent a good portion of the last 72 hours rereading and writing an essay on it, so it's quite fresh in the mind.
JAMIE
Ah. You're right though, that's definitely not you. You're clearly much more Mr. Darcy.

DYLAN
I only wish I had the status to back up being a bit of a dick.

JAMIE
No? Who would you say?

Dylan pauses, unsure of how to answer.

DYLAN
I don't know. I always really related to Jo March in "Little Women"

JAMIE
Interesting. Planning on giving up your dreams sometime soon?

DYLAN
No. I guess not the ending.

JAMIE
Fancy yourself a novelist?

DYLAN
...I guess. I'm working on something right now, but I don't know if it's anything to write home about.

JAMIE
So humble. I'm already hooked.

DYLAN
Maybe I'll write you into it. Is there a character I can base you on?

JAMIE
Leslie Burke.

DYLAN
Is that the girl from "Bridge to Terabithia"?

JAMIE
Yeah.

DYLAN
You want to be a dead 5th grader? Interesting choice.
JAMIE  
(cautious)  
I mean her actual character. Her willingness to express herself and encourage others to do so. The creativity, the appreciation for the joy of life. Seems like a good thing to strive for.

DYLAN  
Ok that's a pretty solid answer.